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1. The table below gives the average monthly production of German-owned industries (private and socialized concerns) in the Soviet Zone of Germany during the first quarter of 1948 and production figures for April and May 1948. All figures are given in 1,000 RM.

Industry	Average monthly production 1st quarter	April	May
Mining, including coal mines	52,404.7	54,035	51,641
Metallurgy, including foundries	25,520.5	30,219	26,259
Machine construction	81,363.3	88,392	87,338
consisting of			
Heavy machine construction		(21,673)	(21,839)
Ordinary & special machine construction		(23,682)	(23,530)
Iron, sheet-iron, & metal goods		(27,691)	(26,328)
Vehicle construction		(15,346)	(15,521)
Electrical goods	18,248	23,875	22,441
Precision mechanics and optics	7,309	8,730	7,863
Chemistry	71,139.3	76,026	80,005
Construction	33,171.3	39,182	40,195
Wood	51,583	50,949	50,361
Textiles	100,913	133,071	109,017
Light industry	50,700.5	54,351	48,162
Cellulose and paper	15,664	16,098	14,900
Power industry	30,179	29,437	28,539
Total	538,195.6	604,365*	566,831
Food industry (including luxury foods) & soap and cosmetics industry	201,189.5	190,161	185,362

Total production 25X1X6 385.1 794,526 752,213

- \* This figure was given by [REDACTED] as 606,365.  
 The above production figures are based on the 1944 stop-prices

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2. The [redacted] says the DTK is aware that, because of a shortage of raw materials, industry in the Soviet zone is at the point of collapse. Production has been decreasing since the beginning of May; and it is felt that, unless drastic measures are taken to provide much-needed raw materials, all important plants will have stopped operating by autumn. The steel industry already is at a virtual standstill for lack of coke, ore, manganese, etc. Coal imports from Poland are far below requirements, and source claims that other imports have almost come to a stop. There is an acute shortage of lubricating oils. Another [redacted] (eval. [redacted]) states that two-thirds of the firms in the woodworking industry in Saxony have had to suspend operations since 1 June because of a lack of tools and of nails and the like, formerly delivered from the western zones. 25X1X6 25X1X

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